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SUBJECT: REPROCESSING PLANT

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: LAHORE URDU DAILY NAWA-I-WAQT JULY 4
LEAD STORY QOTES

GOP SPOKESMAN AS HAVING TOLD RESIDENT EDITOR
OF PAPER THAT PAKISTAN CAN PRODUCE OWN REPROCESSING PLANT SHOULD
FRENCH BACK OUT OF DEAL. ARTICLE QUOTED JULY 5 IN ENGLISH
KARACHI MORNING NEWS PLUS FOUR OTHER URDU DAILIES. STORY
DOES NOT IDENTIFY GOP OFFICIAL OR WESTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSA-
DOR WHO REPORTEDLY MADE SAME OBSERVATION TO EDITOR.

-- THE ISSUE IS NOT, HOWEVER, WHETHER PAK HAS ABILITY TO
PRODUCE A PLANT BUT RATHER WHETHER THE FRENCH WILL HONOR
THEIR CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO GOP SPOKESMAN.

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-- ARTICLE NOTES THAT ACQUISITION OF PLANT IS NATIONAL
ISSUE AND IS SUPPORTED BY ALL PAK POLITICAL PARTIES.
-- ASKS RHETORICALLY WHETHER FRANCE READY TO SACRIFICE
OTHER CONTRACTS AND SUFFER DISGRACE BY GOING BACK ON
REPROCESSING AGREEMENT.

2. ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH CRITICISM OF US QUOTE OBSTRUCTION

UNQUOTE OF FRENCH DEAL AND QUOTES UNIDENTIFIED "POLITICAL OFFICER" IN AMERICAN EMBASSY ISLAMABAD AS PLACING HAND OVER HEART AND SAYING QUOTE I BELIEVE PAKISTAN WILL NOT GET THE PLANT UNQUOTE.

-- GOP SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS BEYOND COMPREHENSION ON THIS MATTER AND IF US CONTINUES TURNING COLD SHOULDER ON TRIED AND TRUE FRIENDS IT WILL ULTIMATELY BRING US GRIEF. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE:. THIS IS A PART OF THE CONTINUING PRESS PUBLICITY ON THE REPROCESSING ISSUE; REFS HAVE REPORTED OTHER ARTICLES IN RECENT WEEKS EMPHASIZING GOP EXPECTATION THAT FRENCH WILL HONOR CONTRACT (BASED ON GISCARD PUBLIC REMARKS A MONTH AGO), BUT ALSO GOP DETERMINATION TO PUSH AHEAD SHOULD THEY NOT. ALL ALSO HAVE A GENERALLY ANTI-US FLAVOR BECAUSE OF THE US POSITION ON REPROCESSING. TESTIMONY AT BHUTTO APPEAL IN SUPREME COURT THIS WEEK (SEPTEL) RAKED UP SOME ADDITIONAL MEMORIES FROM THE PAST ON THAT SCORE

4. EMBASSY ASSUMES REPORTED QUOTATION FROM AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IS A FABRICATION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. HUMMEL

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